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In re Application of:

FRANCHI et al.

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For: **COSMETIC USE OF PHYTOSPHINGOSINE AS A SLIMMING AGENT AND  
COSMETIC COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING PHYTOSPHINGOSINE**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examining on the merits and calculating the filing fee for the national phase application filed herewith under U.S.C 371, please enter the following amendments in the captioned application:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-30 of the application filed herewith and add new claims 31-83, as shown on the marked-up attachment A.

**REMARKS**

The above amendments have been made to remove multiple dependencies from the claims and to conform them to U.S. practice. No new matter has been added.

Respectfully submitted,

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